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METHOD THEREFOR

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to an action on the merits, please amend the present application as follows:

In the Drawings

Please amend Figs. 1, 2A, 4A-4B and 7A-7C and add new Fig. 5D as indicated in the attached letter to the Official Draftsman. Please substitute the seven (7) sheets of drawings submitted herewith for the drawings currently on file.

In the Claims

Cancel claims 1 and 2.

Add new claims 38 and 39 as follows:

--38. An apparatus for cutting a window covering to a specified length comprising:

a base having a substantially flat cutting surface;

a frame overlying said cutting surface and mounted to said base, said frame and said cutting surface defining a receiving area therebetween for receiving a window covering;

a cutting assembly slidably mounted to said frame for sliding along a movement axis toward and away from said receiving area;

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